

WORLD OF RADIO #1244, produced Sept. 1, 2004 by Glenn Hauser

- *Missionary station in Aru, Congo DR, is not on 4585, but 4845, Radio Tangazeni Kristo, very low power, same frequency as very high power Mauritania, joint French/German operation; some English. Sked daily 0330-0515, M-F 1400-1930, Sat & Sun 1155-1930. To increase power to 300-500 watts at beginning of September. Mauritania scheduled 1800-0100, and 0625- but 24h during Ramadan; might be audible in Europe at 1730, North America at 0330
- *Christian missionary websites such as <http://www.galcom.org> include ``prayer bulletins``, hinting at future SW stations, in Iraq, Cameroon, maybe FM in Greenland
- *Christian SW station planned in Uganda, near Entebbe, 1 kW tropical
- *Israel finally moved its domestic English newscasts to Reqa network, with time changes on SW relays: 0330, 0930, 1730 (all 15 minutes), and external English still 1900. 1730 confirmed here on 17535, 15640
- *Sept. 22 is the date when Israel sensibly quits shifting daylight earlier than we do, and all broadcasts move one UT hour later
- *Reform Party of Syria confirmation letter, for R. Free Syria, Sun & Fri at 1800-1900 via Germany on 13650: from P. O. Box 59730, Potomac MD 20859
- *Arabic Radio, another clandestine for Syria: 1500-1530 12085, 7470; 0330-0400 on 7510 per <http://www.arabicsyradio.org> [unconfirmed]
- *BBC Monitoring issued another sesquimonthly report on Media in Iraq, broadcasting and press. In entirety via <http://worldofradio.com>
- *Mystery in Persian at 1325 on 15670 identified as Voice of the Iranian Nation, Seda-ye Mellat-e Iran. Station of same name existed 1964-1970. This one is pro-democracy, 30 minutes daily since before July 9. Maybe connected with V. of Southern Azerbaijan, from Israel. But Observer says 15670 at 1325-1355 is via Sofia, Bulgaria, 100 kW, 90 degrees [recording by Wolfgang Bueschel of ID and music]
- *Ivo Ivanov at R. Bulgaria denies that Minivan Radio test on 11525 was via Kostinbrod, Bulgaria, as fixed by BBC Monitoring
- *Since Aug 25, Minivan is via Juelich, Germany 1600-1700 on 13855. Opening mentions R. Miami International [recording by gh, with conch shell, drumming] [but Sept 3 testing 1630-1730 on 11535, 9985]
- *Playing same program over and over the first week; allied website changed to <http://www.dhivehiobserver.com> with audio file to be copied onto CD and distributed to Maldivians
- *Maarten van Delft visited Voice of Mongolia; they want suggestions of better frequencies than 12015, 12085, 9720 for English to Europe; Japanese aid upgraded domestic transmitters on 7260, 4830, 4895; Mailbag show interviewed him? at 1000 on 12085, about camel polo
- *V. of Vietnam harmonic on 19060 heard in NSW at 0006, 2 x 9530 which was inaudible
- *RRI Wamena, Indonesia, 0930-1000+ reactivated on 4869.9; 1200 relay Jakarta news
- *R. Southern Highlands, Papua New Guinea, reactivated 3275, 1049-1104+

- *R. Vanuatu not heard lately on 7260, but may still be on with reduced power of 200 watts; likewise MW 1179
- *R. Clube do Para, 4885, 10 kW, replied in English promising stickers and T-shirt
- *R. Nacional do Brasil, Portuguese to Africa on 9665 includes ``Brasil sem Fronteiras`` at 1900-2100, repeated at 0500-0700
- *World of Radio 1244, woradio at yahoo.com or P O Box 1684, Enid, OK 73702, USA; much more at <http://www.worldofradio.com>
- *Thanks this week for financial support to Dave White, who provides another website for our audio archives
- *Correcting last week's mistakes: Paul Ormandy has made 3000 contacts in the past year, not 300; DX Partyline on 15390 via Australia is Sat at 1500, not 1430
- *Some mistakes on last week's DX Partyline also should be corrected
- *AFN Guantanamo Bay on 1340, 103.1, 102.1; Cuban FM heard on 95.5 in Gitmo City; base gets US cable channels via satellite TV
- *R. Marti via Commando Solo on MW 530 is only Saturday nights, heard again Aug 28; it so happens that's when baseball is broadcast. Maybe highest-rated program, and by jamming something so apolitical, it makes Fidel look even more foolish. But still only a token service, so acting president Bush can pretend he's doing something
- *We wonder if Radio Vision Cristiana, 530 in Turks & Caicos is still on the air following Hurricane Frances [no; opens channel for Falkland Islands]
- *Arnie Coro says main problem at R. Habana is no power at transmitter site with lines blown away by Charley; trying to rebuild, not yet back by August 31; no other damage. But was he only talking about Bauta site? What about Titan and Bejucal? RHC website in English says there was antenna damage from 200 kph winds; in Spanish it says transmitters were damaged. So which? Audio streaming not working, but added real audio 1800-2000 in Creole, Guarani, Quechua, Arabic
- *WOKV, 690, Jacksonville, 50 kW day power may be used at night if there is a hurricane strike, allowing it to be widely heard
- *WKAT, 1360, Miami, cuts back on classical music, to make money with infomercials; hopes to retain music 17-18 hours per day
- *KOMA, 1520, Oklahoma City, suddenly changed calls August 27 to KOKC, despite huge signal focusing even more on just serving the city
- *KGNU, 88.5, Boulder CO, purchased KJME, 1390 to get its signal into Denver, starting with Pacifica covering Republican convention
- *Denver also gets Air America, via KKZN 760; Albuquerque on KABQ 1350; also new affiliate in Ann Arbor, and part of sked is on WHAT 1340, Philadelphia; some thanks to Clear Channel, trying to shake its far-right image
- *Re Clear Channel purchasing WILM 1450 Wilmington DE: ``Sleazy but rich radio leviathan swallows tiny quality station``, opines the Baltimore Sun [DXLD 4-131]
- *Sept 6 Forbes article about satellite radio vs terrestrial, ``Broadcast Bullies``; [registration now required] see

<http://www.forbes.com/business/forbes/2004/0906/134.html>

- *Kim Elliott appeared on VOA Talk to America August 16, now in audio archives, cue in 25 minutes <http://www.voanews.com/talktoamerica/>
- *Ashna Radio on 12140 in Dari and Pashto at 1430-1830 is actually just VOA via Sri Lanka, using ``Radio Ashna`` name, meaning Voice
- *VOA News and science feature heard Sat at 0800 on 13840, relayed by IRRS Italy
- *CBC Radio ``upgraded`` from Real Audio to Windows Media streaming during Olympic break
- *CHOI Quebec licence cancellation reprieved, from August 31 until next spring
- *Beware of retrieving incorrect or outdated schedules from websites, e.g. Venezuela, and now Iceland, on ``12115``, but correct sked is: 1215, 1410 and 1835 on 15775; 1755 and 2300 on 13865 USB
- *Deutsche Welle converted 3995 from analog to DRM 1800-0600 UT. Al Quaglieri objects, a disaster for hams in North America
- *Attempts to set up new private MW on Aland Island, Finland, 603 kHz, but lots of legal and technical problems. Roy Sandgren says it will be illegal from Sept 1; but heard that date with stronger signals in area; ``Pirate Radio 603``, altho licensed
- *Latvia 100 kW on 9290: Joystick Radio, Sat Sept 4, 0900-1000 UT; Europa Radio International, Sun Sept 5, 1100-1300
- *R. Georgia tells German listeners it was due to be closed down, final decision Sept 1, asking for listener support; how about English? But quite difficult to hear in North America, not easy in Europe
- *Propagation outlook from Boulder August 31; flux range 100-125-85
- *And that concludes World of Radio 1244; Glenn Hauser inviting you to hear me again next week ###